

Booking a gîte: video A

In one click you can easily reserve a gîte. Nathalie and Fred Martin are organising a week's holiday with friends in the Alps.

Sylvie: "... This one... No."

Fred: "No, I don't like that one."

Sylvie: "That one... Oh wait! Look at this one."

Fred: "Yeah it's nice but it's not very big!"

Sylvie: "Right hold on... I'll keep looking. Ah! well this one, at St-Jean-de-Sixt!"

Fred: "The one for ten people?"

Sylvie: "Yes."

Fred: "Yes it looks quite nice, how much does it cost?"

Sylvie: "Right, let me see... It's six hundred and ten euros per week."

Fred: "Six hundred and ten euros per week? For ten people? That's not expensive, it's a good price. Let's book it immediately, for the weekend of the 11th?"

Sylvie: "Yes it is better ... OK, I'll make a call right away!"

Fred: "Uh Huh"

Sylvie: "Hello, we saw your gîte on the internet. Is it available for the weekend of the 11th?"

Mme Billard: "...Hello. Hold on, let me have a look... yes, that shouldn't be a problem, it's available for the weekend of the 11th and for the whole week."

Sylvie: "Is it close to the pistes?"

Mme Billard: "Yes, the pistes are 100 metres from the chalet but they are pistes for beginners."

Sylvie: "And do you take deposits? And a guarantee?"

Mme Billard: "The guarantee is two hundred and thirty euros and the deposit is one hundred and fifty euros. Would you like to book it?"

Sylvie: "Please yes. My name is Nathalie Martin and I'll send you the deposit cheque by post tomorrow. Thanks and bye for now."

Mme Billard: "Perfect and see you very soon!"

Fred: "Fantastic!"

Mme Billard: "Hello ladies and gentlemen."

Sylvie: "Hello!"

Mme Billard: "How was your trip here?"

Fred: "Oh yes, the trip here was very nice."

Mme Billard: "Welcome to Villon."

Sylvie and Fred: "Thank you."

Mme Billard: "And I think your friends are arriving this afternoon?"

Fred: "That's it. They're arriving this afternoon."

Mme Billard: "Very good. Well let's visit the gîte straight away."

Mme Billard: "So here we are, I'll show you around. Come in..."

Fred: "It's lovely!"

Mme Billard: "So you do have all you need: a fridge, a freezer, a microwave. The oven... the oven is electric and the cooker is gas."

Fred: "OK."

Mme Billard: "With the gas, you have a cylinder here we keep shut, out of safety with children."

Sylvie & Fred: "OK."

Mme Billard: "There. Here you have the fondue burners, if you want to make fondue eh? You know about fondue cheese?"

Sylvie: "Yes!"

Mme Billard: "Here are little jars of homemade jam."

Sylvie & Fred: "How kind! Thank you!"

Mme Billard: "There you go, and you also have the living room."

Mme Billard: "So this is the living room, which was an old stable where cows were kept. So in the rack you can put your ski boots."

Sylvie: "Is there a minimarket near here?"

Mme Billard: "Of course, in the village next to the church."

Sylvie: "And a cashpoint?"

Mme Billard: "Of course. At the post office, which is between the church and the tourist office."

Sylvie: "Is it walking distance?"

Mme Billard: "It is not too far, about a kilometre... So about fifteen minutes walk."

Sylvie: "OK."

Mme Billard: "And, see here is the fireplace with a case of wood for the week."